

The Holidays

Manny was ready for the holidays. He had been thinking about it (for, had, when) weeks and weeks. While he was (think, sure, know) to get lots of presents, he (know, from, was) more excited about all the gifts (after, that, walk) he had bought for his family.

(Yellow, He, By) had worked hard in delivering newspapers (some, take, and) saved his money. For his dad, (Manny, round, again) had bought a new fishing pole (fly, to, give) replace his old, broken one. Manny (please, her, was) sure this one would finally help (his, under, just) dad catch a big fish. No (how, more, could) coming home from fishing trips without (a, live, then) fish.

For his mother, Manny bought (any, a, going) wool sweater. It was her favorite (old, thank, color), a light blue. Manny had overheard (ask, his, pretty) mother talking about how cold it (let, had, over) been, so he was sure she (every, as, would) like her new, warm sweater.

Manny's (sister, once, your) liked to listen to music, so (has, for, them) her he bought a recording of (may, her, stop) favorite group, the Cards. He wasn't (sure, his, open) why she liked this group, but (were, but, knew) she would be happy listening to (put, him, the) record.

Finally, Manny had bought a (gift, some, green) for his younger brother, Freddy. He (were, match, had) decided on a basketball. Freddy was (just, jump, pass) learning how to play, and Manny (sail, thought, could) he could use some extra practice. (Since, Corn, Maybe) if he helped Freddy out, Manny (help, thought, were), his brother could make the team (next, today, you) year at school.

The New House

When the day came to begin building their new house everyone was very excited. They did not have big machines (**to, plight, clang**) dig a hole for the basement, (**flog, so, bleat**) all the men and boys used (**glee, slain, a**) shovel to dig the hole. It (**took, prune, crane**) weeks just to dig the hole (**frock, and, brood**) haul away all of the dirt. (**Graze, Trunk, My**) mother began to think that the (**house, dress, spill**) would never get built.

Once the (**stain, horse, men**) finished digging the hole, the house (**skate, began, bring**) to go up like magic. The (**snail, twin, new**) pieces of wood were quickly sawed (**into, cling, globe**) just the right length to make (**cream, walls, grade**). The pounding of nails never stopped. (**Soon, Speak, Frail**), a house stood where there once (**swim, was, treat**) just a hilltop.

My mother grew (**up, pen, groan**) in that house. She helped her (**clash, mother, blend**) to clean and cook. Cooking was (**more, broom, mean**) fun for her than cleaning. That (**smack, was, sport**) a good thing because her father (**and, cram, grin**) brothers liked to eat a lot (**bread, after, scout**) working hard in the fields. It (**was, smart, glass**) a good thing for me, too, (**sweep, dress, because**) she learned to bake cookies, cakes, (**and, glean, snug**) pies. When she was little she (**could, tweed, did**) all of the cooking. Now I (**black, get, return**) to eat what she bakes!

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My Room

My room is my own. In my room I can be (**boss, clip, fleet**). That may not seem very important (**black, to, glen**) you, but it is to me. (**Slope, I, Pride**) am a kid and kids are (**crop, fresh, not**) boss in very many places, so (**if, gray, tree**) I can be boss in my (**dream, room, spank**) it is important to me.

When (**stone, twig, you**) walk into my room you can (**tell, sneak, flesh**) it's a kid's room right away. (**Slaying, On, Fright**) the walls I have some very (**large, tray, stake**) posters of some of my favorite (**smile, people, prowl**). Since I like to sing, some (**of, breach, dress**) the posters are pictures of singers. (**fling, stay, I**) like those pictures very much, but (**my, snout, drive**) dad doesn't. He thinks that most (**tray, of, clown**) the popular singers aren't really very (**good, blunt, crab**) singers. You know how parents can (**sleeve, starch, be**) sometimes. They seem to think that (**only, flight, smash**) the singers who were popular when (**froze, sleet, they**) were kids sing very well. I'm (**glad, flint, tweed**) I'm boss in my room, I (**snatch, wouldn't, still**) want pictures of my parents favorite (**singers, skirt, train**) on my walls.

Now I just (**creep, wish, proof**) I could keep my mom and (**dad, slight, bluff**) out of my room. When they (**clean, flit, come**) in they always find something for (**treat, me, clash**) to clean up.

The Trip

The day came that we were to leave on our trip. Dad put the four suitcases in (**cramp, the, smelt**) trunk. The trouble began when all (**three, tramp, saint**) of us kids tried to get (**stamp, which, into**) the front seat.

"I should sit (**in, blond, swift**) front," said Sarah, "because I'm the (**gloom, oldest, trust**)!"

"But I'm the littlest and I (**can't, flame, shred**) see out the window when I'm (**split, in, state**) back!" cried Anthony.

"I have an (**idea, bright, starch**) that will solve this problem," said (**pump, shrink, Dad**). "Since there are three of you (**desk, and, stand**) the trip will take three hours, (**swept, you, trump**) can take turns and each spend (**splash, proud, an**) hour in the front seat."

We (**agreed, down, stress**) with the idea and Sarah flipped (**twist, a, ground**) coin to see who got the (**front, stretch, waist**) seat first. Anthony won the coin (**speak, toss, blend**) and chose to sit in the (**clown, crowd, front**) seat first.

As we drove along, (**plant, we, welt**) passed many farms and small towns. (**It, Crust, Roast**) was a sunny day and people (**stream, were, greet**) outside working and playing. When it (**still, sling, was**) my turn to sit in the (**front, trust, video**) seat, we stopped to have a (**scalp, picnic, curl**) lunch. Very soon, we were back (**on, speech, glide**) the road driving toward Boston. From (**smoke, milk, the**) front seat, I could see much (**better, spree, flirt**). As we got closer to the (**steal, slam, city**) we saw more houses, buildings and (**traffic, roast, blank**) increased.

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Music Lessons

I guess you have to take music lessons to learn how to play the horn. But I wish there were an (**easier, frock, sport**) way. My music teacher is very (**skirt, nice, twig**). She always makes practice fun, but (**sneer, grip, practicing**) takes time.

Time is very important (**to, crop, snug**) me. I never seem to have (**scout, enough, drum**). The time after school until supper (**broom, prop, is**) very short. That's the time when (**I'm, bled, pain**) supposed to practice on my horn. (**Plain, My, Sweep**) music teacher says I should practice (**smart, scold, about**) ten minutes every day. When it's (**a, stand, drink**) nice day and my friends are (**stand, waiting, drink**) to play, ten minutes takes forever. (**Then, Speech, Trick**) if I try to sneak out (**groan, bred, early**) and my mom catches me I (**have, fray, crack**) to practice another ten minutes. Sometimes (**prow, it, slave**) seems as if the adults in (**my, glass, blade**) world don't want me to play (**fled, claim, with**) my friends.

I wonder if there (**is, plow, bring**) something bad about having a good (**plan, time, club**)? I think I'll ask my parents (**flour, bless, about**) that. I know what they will (**tell, gleam, slunk**) me, though. They'll tell me that (**print, if, crush**) all I ever do is play (**I, free, bright**) won't amount to anything when I (**greet, grow, truck**) up. Can that really be true? (**I, spell, stake**) don't know, but right now I (**scowl, clash, have**) to go practice.

The Hike

Carlos and Jordan were going hiking in the mountains. Both wanted to hike in the (**Snowy, Read, Your**) Mountains. Carlos planned the route for (**right, the, write**) hike. He spent time reading a (**singing, would, hiking**) guide about trails in this area. (**The, Sit, Work**) hiking guide described a fifty-mile (**sleep, trail, wish**) that sounded interesting, but was it (**tall, why, too**) long? After reading about it, neither (**boy, upon, which**) thought so. It would be a (**wash, good, their**) trip. They were ready to go.

(**The, These, Very**) trail followed the southern ridge. The (**use, those, steep**) route was called the Ridge Trail. (**They, About, Better**) saw many good views, so Jordan (**bring, was, carry**) glad he had his camera. There (**was, clean, done**) plenty of wildlife. Deer and bear (**cut, were, draw**) common, as were eagles. The camping (**drink, eight, spots**) were good. There were also many (**fall, ponds, far**). This made for a nice swim (**on, full, got**) hot days. Carlos wondered if there (**grow, were, hold**) any fish in the small lakes.

(**The, Hot, Long**) trail, however, was steep in sections. (**Hurt, At, If**) one point it rose 1000 feet, (**traversing, keep, light**) the mountain with many switchbacks. Fortunately, (**they, laugh, much**) had been working on getting in (**myself, never, shape**). They had hiked a lot.

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Alex

Alex brought out the photograph album full of family pictures.

"Wow," said Tony, "You really have (**a, seat, back**) lot of pictures." "These are pictures (**sing, of, fight**) my great grandparents when they were (**young, when, her**)" explained Alex.

"This is a picture (**light, barter, of**) my great grandfather. When he was (**only, hall, light**) eight years old he came to (**Fight, America, Fall**) from Scotland. He worked for a (**bite, cute, clockmaker**) and learned how to make all (**kinds, crowd, veal**) of clocks. When he got older (**speck, he, read**) started his own business making clocks. (**Kick, Rock, That**) clock over on the desk was (**made, right, white**) by him."

"How old is that (**quake, clock, quick**)?" asked Tony.

"It's over 100 years (**fine, park, old**). It's made of brass and oak, (**but, reach, shock**) best of all, it still gives (**bring, while, the**) correct time."

"What about your grandmother?" (**Bright, Tony, Harder**) asked. "Was she from Scotland?"

"No,"(**bead, tall, replied**) Alex, "she was born in America, (**but, howl, torn**) both her parents were from Germany. (**Seem, They, Stir**) were farmers and came here to (**start, then, heat**) a new farm. First they moved (**duck, wing, to**) the state of New York, but (**light, land, whip**) was too expensive there. Then they (**air, moved, gird**) to Indiana and found land they (**could, blight, wheat**) afford. They bought 120 acres of (**light, land, peach**) and built a farmhouse."

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Friend

My family was living in Taiwan for the year. We met many Chinese students there. (**We, Sun, Blink**) made lots of friends. One of (**bend, my, hand**) favorite friends was Teddy. That was (**sunk, den, his**) English name. I met him on (**a, drunk, sank**) boat trip. We were both passengers (**gun, drank, coming**) back from an island. I was (**and, sitting, sent**) in a seat on the deck. (**I, clink, land**) saw Teddy look at me. He (**went, wasn't, sank**) sure if he wanted to talk (**bun, pink, to**) me. Then he walked over. He (**twin, asked, tent**) if he could sit down. He (**was, spinning, stun**) wearing a student uniform like all (**ink, the, spin**) students do in Taiwan.

"Are you (**Men, Bond, American**)?" he asked in English.

I told (**van, him, bank**) that I was an American. He (**asked, pond, mend**) me where I went to school. (**Clan, I, Junk**) told him about the American school (**rank, pen, in**) Taiwan. Then he asked me if (**fond, I, lint**) took Chinese in school. I was (**uncomfortable, ground, chest**) in answering that question because I (**hand, rest, was**) doing so poorly in my Chinese (**sound, class, nest**). I finally blurted out that I (**take, crest, mean**) Chinese, but was getting a "D" (**grand, in, hound**) it. He laughed and said he (**had, brand, west**) failed English. Together we laughed about (**stand, our, bound**) common problem. We continued our conversation (**band, sand, speaking**) a little Chinese and a little (**English, chest, truck**). Our teachers would have loved it.

Toll Booth

Dad threw the crust of the sandwich on the ground and a group of birds came by and flew away with it. Soon, we were back on the (**road, splash, dump**) driving toward Boston. From the front (**belt, seat, milk**) I could see much better. As (**grasp, strike, we**) approached the big city we could (**see, train, screen**) more houses and less farms. Traffic (**spray, was, have**) so heavy with the cars and (**mean, whose, trucks**) that dad had to slow down. (**Brisk, Up, Left**) ahead on the road I could (**farm, apple, see**) flashing lights.

"What's that flashing light (**and, about, thing**) little house?" Anthony asked.

"That's a (**wrap, toll, box**) booth," said Dad. "We have to (**folks, simple, pay**) 75 cents to use this part (**star, of, finger**) the road." As we drove up (**to, minute, only**) the toll booth, a red light (**black, flashed, wagon**) and we came to a halt. (**Lost, What, Dad**) gave the man in the booth (**a, week, she**) dollar and got a quarter back. (**Cake, World, Soon**) the red light changed to green (**thank, and, writer**) we drove away.

We were driving (**plant, return, the**) busy streets of Boston now. Dad (**asked, make, same**) us not to talk so he (**subject, could, fish**) concentrate on reading the street signs. (**Where, Upon, There**) were lots of tall buildings and (**splash, people, quiet**) walking the sidewalks. Yellow taxicabs were (**everywhere, reply, grade**) and buses were taking people back (**story, and, some**) forth.

Sarah and Anthony and I (**liked, eleven, project**) looking out the windows at all (**below, the, report**) activity. It was hard to keep (**quiet, travel, dress**) when there was so much to (**road, talk, stuck**) about.

Shooting Stars

Emma loved to look at the sky at night and watch the stars. One night when she was outside (**with, plow, claim**) her brother she saw a shooting (**fled, star, blade**). The star swept across the dark (**glass, slave, sky**) and left a long trail of (**prow, crack, light**). Emma thought it was a wonderful (**sight, plain, bled**). "I wish I could see a (**prop, shooting, broom**) star every night," she thought to (**speech, grip, herself**).

When Emma found out that her (**class, plight, clang**) was going to learn about space, (**print, crush, she**) became excited. She hoped they would (**stake, talk, glean**) about shooting stars. Mrs. Carson was (**where, school, the**) science teacher and she told the (**spark, class, blend**) that they would learn about the (**paint, toast, moon**), the planets and the stars. Emma (**raised, husk, lisp**) her hand and asked if they (**camp, bulk, would**) learn about shooting stars. Mrs. Carson (**said, belt, act**) that they would learn about a (**lift, very, found**) special shooting star that would soon (**appear, yeast, desk**). Everyone thought that was great!

The (**run, wisp, first**) week the children heard about the (**planets, romp, milk**) that make up the solar system. (**Hilt, Fact, The**) next week they learned about how (**stars, tuft, kept**) are just like our sun. Finally, (**faint, it, first**) was time to talk about shooting (**stars, risk, crisp**). Emma told the class about the (**bump, shooting, hulk**) star she had seen. Mrs. Carson (**then, quilt, left**) told the class about one of (**wept, count, the**) greatest shooting stars and said it (**was, burst, dusk**) called Haley's Comet.

TV

We all know what the two letters "TV" mean. They mean television. TV has become (**a, drive, snout**) big part of our lives. Most (**stay, kids, fling**) grow up watching TV. Some people (**dress, breach, think**) that many of the words kids (**learn, prowl, smile**) come from TV. Those same people (**tray, are, stake**) afraid that we also learn to (**fright, slay, do**) the things we see on TV. (**Why, Flesh, Twig**) would anyone be afraid of what (**sneak, children, dream**) might learn on TV? Can you (**stone, tree, guess**)? Well, one reason why people worry (**is, gray, bring**) that we see so much fighting (**fresh, and, crop**) killing on TV. We also know (**pride, slope, that**) after you see someone fighting you (**might, glen, black**) also fight. If the hero of (**clip, a, fleet**) show you are watching fights to (**tray, clown, get**) his own way then you might (**fight, blunt, wreck**) to get your own way. Another (**sleeve, reason, flight**) why people worry about kids watching (**twine, so, smash**) much TV is that people who (**watch, trench, froze**) a lot of TV read less. (**Sleet, You, Skirt**) really can't read very much when (**still, dress, the**) TV is on all the time! (**Reading, Speak, Drill**) is much better for you than (**match, still, watching**) TV. Reading helps you use your (**imagination, cling, trunk**). It can teach you about anything (**globe, and, skate**) you can always read about something (**stain, brand, twice**) if you don't understand it. Reading (**is, flog, flour**) just as fun as watching TV. (**Spell, Bled, Have**) you tried it lately?

The Hotel

We drove into the bustling city of Boston. Dad asked us not to talk (**so, paint, toast**) he could read the street signs. (**Husk, There, Lisp**) were many tall buildings and lots (**camp, bulk, of**) people walking on the sidewalks. Yellow (**taxicabs, belt, act**) could be seen everywhere. Buses were (**lift, taking, count**) people back and forth.

"Here's our (**yeast, desk, hotel**)," said Dad happily. He stopped the (**car, wisp, milk**) in front of the large hotel (**fact, and, kept**) a man took our suitcases inside (**the, faint, left**) hotel. Another man drove our car (**bump, away, risk**) to park it in the ramp. (**Crisp, Hulk, Inside**) the hotel lobby were lots of (**people, quilt, count**) walking around looking very busy.

"Oh, (**boy, sift, swept**) let's go swimming right now!" said (**Mount, Coast, Anthony**).

"No, I want to walk around (**brisk, the, grasp**) city!" said Sarah.

"There will be (**time, jump, bulk**) for both," Dad said. "Let's go (**raft, slept, to**) our rooms and unpack our bags."

(**Our, Splash, Wilt**) room was on the 10th floor (**bulb, elm, of**) the hotel. There was one big (**room, help, belt**) with two beds and a smaller (**boast, room, split**) with one bed. Sarah got to (**limp, have, held**) the small room. Dad had one (**bed, scrub, strike**) and Anthony and I had to (**street, share, felt**) the other one. When we looked (**plow, drove, out**) the window we could see the (**city, twin, skill**) skyline with all the tall buildings.

Driver's License

Lakeesha was confident about getting her driver's license. Her sixteenth birthday was only a (**month, corn, soothe**) away. She had taken a driver's (**made, education, room**) course at school. She did very (**sir, born, well**) in it. Lakeesha knew all about (**seat, the, shot**) different types of road signs. She (**knew, raining, day**) what speed was appropriate for different (**fur, roads, bark**). She knew what to do if (**boat, cow, it**) was raining or snowing.

Lakeesha had (**also, shop, ball**) been practicing. She received her driver's (**permit, farm, burn**) when she turned 15. That let (**short, herd, her**) practice driving with an adult. She (**cold, liked, pitch**) going out with her Dad. He (**was, hold, curt**) a good teacher. Her dad showed (**now, pail, her**) how to start the car and (**seem, to, white**) stop it. He talked to her (**about, match, meal**) how to slow up at the (**shout, intersections, quit**). Her father explained to her how (**such, fir, to**) speed up to pass a car. (**He, When, That**) showed her how to signal at (**pay, the, road**) right time.

The hardest thing to (**peek, sight, learn**) was parallel parking. At first she (**turn, wasn't, pork**) very good at it. But her (**dad, chain, soon**) told her everyone had trouble learning (**sing, how, neck**) to parallel park. Soon she got (**queen, paid, the**) idea. Now she is good at (**parallel, table, bird**) parking. At first Lakeesha thought she (**would, bold, while**) buy her own car. But when (**pool, she, fight**) learned how much a car would (**cost, call, whip**), she changed her mind. Her dad (**found, said, tall**) she could use the family car (**girl, catch, now**) and then.

Tree House

Billy and David were playing baseball in their yard. Billy was looking for the ball (**when, play, clock**) he heard his dad hammering. Where (**flame, was, blink**) he, he thought to himself. Billy (**gloom, slid, stopped**) looking for the ball and started (**preach, looking, crib**) for his dad.

Dad looked like (**he, frill, brush**) was fixing the apple tree. Billy (**had, grand, track**) never seen his dad in the (**drank, apple, span**) tree before. Billy climbed this tree (**a, stall, plank**) lot and would often climb way (**small, up, blond**) near the top. Sometimes he would (**press, brag, even**) climb way out on a branch. (**People, Drive, Scum**) never saw him sitting in the (**snake, tree, plate**). He was hidden by the leaves (**scorn, glean, and**) the branches. He could see them (**smack, walk, glass**) by on the sidewalk, but they (**would, plow, claim**) never see him. It was a (**great, fled, blade**) place to sit.

Billy's dad asked (**him, glass, slave**) to bring him some wood. Billy (**brought, crack, fray**) some plywood pieces and two-by-(**bred, fours, groan**), from the garage to his father. (**Then, Trick, Drink**) he sat down to watch his (**speech, stand, dad**) sawing and hammering nails. His dad (**was, plain, scold**) building a box in the tree. (**Smart, Bled, The**) box looked like a small house. (**Broom, Prop, Billy**) knew then that they would soon (**have, drum, scout**) a tree house!

Billy helped his (**snug, dad, twig**) during the project. He picked up (**crop, nails, grip**) that his dad dropped and he (**ran, sneer, skirt**) to the house to get tools. (**Sport, By, Plan**) the end of the day, Billy (**had, club, flour**) a tree house.

Being Tired

I get very tired at night. Sometimes I am so tired I (**don't, coal, out**) know what I should be doing. (**Small, I, Them**) walk around the house until I (**quick, stir, see**) something to do. Then I stop (**curd, and, coat**) do that for a while. Soon (**my, boom, with**) mom will ask me why I (**quite, peck, am**) doing that. I have to tell (**scar, her, storm**) that I don't know. Then I (**gold, walk, bold**) some more until I find something (**else, whip, shout**) that looks interesting. Then I begin (**pope, to, king**) fool around with that. After I (**time, bug, have**) walked around like this doing different (**man, things, rope**) I feel lost. About then my (**mom, mute, kite**) or dad will begin to get (**lake, mad, sack**) at me and ask me why (**lot, Wade, I**) don't go to bed. That usually (**shock, sounds, mate**) like a great idea because I (**am, line, tune**) so tired. I will then head (**for, tune, hole**) my bedroom, but on the way (**date, I, neck**) will find something else that looks (**interesting, note, sun**). I begin to fool around again (**fish, until, fed**) my mom or dad sees me. (**Reach, Dress, Then**) I'm in trouble. I'll bet you (**green, wonder, make**) if I ever get to bed. (**Sometimes, Clock, Weep**) even I wonder how I get (**mold, to, clay**) bed. Sometimes I fall asleep in (**a, itch, fool**) chair or on the floor and (**then, may, wish**) my dad will carry me to (**black, date, my**) bed. I'm glad he helps me (**go, line, bug**) to bed.

The Vacation

Jenny was going on vacation. This excited her. This year would (be, paint, toast) different. Usually her family camped. But (husk, not, lisp) this time. They were going to (camp, bulk, the) city. This would be new. There (were, belt, act) many things to see. She even (lift, made, fount) a list. First was the amusement (yeast, desk, park). It had many new rides. She (wanted, romp, milk) to ride the Rocket. The Haunted (Fact, House, Kept) was also on the list. Friends (faint, crisp, said) it was really scary. The roller (coaster, risk, bump) was also a must.

The zoo (hulk, was, left) next on the list. It had (wept, count, many) new animals. She wanted to see (kangaroos, burst, dusk). The Siberian tiger was also on (lamp, the, silk) list. She was also excited about (the, sift, mount) whales. And there were beautiful parrots. (Coast, Brisk, The) animals were from all over the (grasp, world, jump). She would get lots of pictures. (Her, Bulk, Tilt) camera would be busy. She would (raft, need, slept) lots of film.

Last was the (least, new, clasp) skyscraper. She would go to the (top, fact, crept). It was a great view on (where, claim, top). She hoped for a nice day. (So, Dump, Help) much to do! Jenny could hardly (feast, wait, strip).

A Long Day

Anthony got tired of walking and Dad had to give him a piggyback ride. Finally, we got to the bay (**about, where, better**) the Boston Tea Party had been. (**There, Bring, Carry**) were lots of ships in the (**clean, cut, bay**). We were all getting hungry, so (**Dad, done, long**) took us into a small shop. (**Draw, They, Light**) had all kinds of fish lying (**laugh, drink, on**) ice. We each ate some shrimp.

"(**Eight, I, Kind**) want to go swimming," Anthony repeated.

"(**Me, Fall, Keep**), too," said Sarah. "This has been (**full, fun, got**) but let's go back to the (**grow, hold, hotel**)."

"Okay," Dad agreed, "I think we've (**had, mean, which**) enough walking for one day."

This (**hurt, time, much**) we rode the bus. When we (**myself, never, got**) off, we still had to walk (**two, phone, warm**) blocks to the hotel. While Anthony (**own, and, pick**) Sarah went swimming, I fell asleep. (**What, Seven, Try**) a long day it had been! (**Time, Tomorrow, Pleasure**) Dad said we were probably going (**reach, tall, to**) see a baseball game at famous (**Sheep, Fenway, Right**) Park.

The Old Tree

The huge tree stump in the park made a great hiding place for us. We found it one day in (**the, plow, drove**) park when we were playing hide (**twin, and, skill**) seek. It was about eight feet (**gasp, dog, tall**) and the center was hollow. It (**clam, was, speech**) hard to climb and crawl up (**the, glide, smoke**) side but I made it. Joey (**milk, followed, flirt**) me up and we both slipped (**down, steal, roast**) inside the trunk. The two of (**slam, us, saint**) sat there quietly while our friends (**blank, scar, tried**) to find us. We sat there (**a, prime, disk**) long time and began to feel (**fact, cramped, scrub**). Tired of feeling cramped, we decided (**grove, snake, to**) climb out.

Joey started climbing first, (**but, crowd, lamp**) couldn't get any higher than a (**theft, couple, sprain**) of feet. There weren't any branches (**trip, sway, to**) hold onto on the inside of (**frog, the, quilt**) tree. There wasn't anything for him (**to, wept, strife**) grab, only the steep, slippery inside (**cramp, smelt, of**) the tree trunk. I tried next (**to, tramp, gloom**) climb up but also got nowhere. (**Stamp, We, Which**) were really trapped inside that tree (**blond, swift, trunk**). We started yelling and soon we (**saw, trust, flame**) Peter above us looking over the (**shred, spilt, edge**). He could see we needed help (**state, and, bright**) left to get his dad.

We (**swept, waited, proud**) and waited, but no one came. (**We, Drown, Stress**) shouted frantically and then we saw (**Peter's, Waist, Speak**) dad looking at us. He reached (**to, crowd, plant**) each of us and lifted us (**crust, out, roast**) of the tree. Then Peter's dad (**stream, greet, made**) us promise we would never go (**into, still, sling**) the tree trunk again. We thanked (**trust, dream, him**) and made the promise.

The Big Spider

Freddy saw a big spider. It was the biggest one he (**had, paint, toast**) ever seen! It was hanging from (**husk, the, list**) bush. The baby didn't like the (**lisp, white, spider**) and started to cry. Freddy picked (**camp, up, bulk**) the baby and carried her away. (**He, Belt, Act**) set her down again, and then (**rapt, lint, grabbed**) a large stick. He crept toward (**the, yeast, desk**) spider with the stick in his (**where, back, hand**). Freddy wanted to kill it before (**wisp, it, romp**) could bite the baby. He was (**bright, corn, very**) afraid because he thought the spider (**might, milk, hilt**) jump and he would miss.

Freddy (**fact, hit, turf**) the spider on the back as (**kept, faint, hard**) as he could with the stick. (**First, Without, Risk**) stopping to look he hit it (**crush, bump, again**) and again. Carol was surprised when (**she, hulk, quilt**) saw Freddy swinging the stick. She (**secret, ran, left**) to where the baby was lying. (**Wept, Count, The**) baby was smiling. Freddy stopped hitting (**burst, the, night**) spider. He turned to Carol and (**gasp, lamp, smiled**). The spider was gone.

Carol smiled, (**too, silk, pelt**). She and Freddy had come here (**sift, to, more**) the woods to enjoy a quiet (**picnic, return, their**). On a hot day, the woods (**jump, tie, was**) the coolest place to be. The (**soap, spider, coast**) had spoiled their quiet moment, but (**now, truck, seem**) she was happy. Carol was glad (**Splash, Freddy, Dump**) had been so brave and had (**protected, strike, feast**) the baby. They both felt very (**street, live, lucky**).

How To Groom A Dog

To groom a dog, you should begin by getting them wet with a hose or in a tub of water. Then you get out all of (**your, ground, ring**) supplies. These items would be scissors, (**bang, comb, nest**), brush, dog shampoo, hose, nail clipper, (**chest, sound, blow**) dryer, towel, rubbing alcohol, and cotton (**balls, will, band**). You are now ready to start (**the, found, test**) grooming.

It would be a good (**stall, idea, rang**) to go outside and do this (**fill, grand, on**) the pavement or yard. After you (**chill, bound, get**) the dog wet, comb or brush (**them, bring, sang**) thoroughly. Now start trimming the dog. (**Play, When, Clock**) you trim around their nails, you (**flame, blink, want**) to trim the long hair covering (**their, gloom, slid**) nails, but not too short. When (**preach, you, crib**) trim their ears you want to (**frill, blue, cut**) about an inch below the ear. (**Finish, Grand, Track**) the rest of the trimming and (**drank, don't, span**) forget their stomach.

Then you drench (**your, stall, plank**) dog again so you can scrub. (**Small, Blond, When**) you do this you scrub everywhere. (**Make, Sway, Press**) sure you wash under the ears (**brag, and, drive**) stomach. After this rinse thoroughly and (**run, scum, plate**) your fingers through their hair for (**snake, acorn, any**) snarls. Repeat for conditioner. Then take (**a, gleam, smack**) blow dryer and towel and dry (**for, twain, glass**) about ten minutes.